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## **Denmark**

### **Livestock and Products**

## **Ninth Case of BSE Detected in Denmark 2002**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

**Routine inspection of a dairy cow disclosed the 9<sup>th</sup> case of BSE in Denmark. This is the first case in 2002. Milk substitute in feed is suspected as the source.**

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The routine EU mandatory testing program has now detected Denmark's ninth case of BSE ("mad cow disease") on a farm on the island Bornholm. A five and a half year old dairy cow was slaughtered April 24, 2002 and routine analysis indicating BSE was confirmed May 15, 2002.

The dairy cow belonged to an organic dairy herd of 127 dairy cows and 127 heifers. The infected cow was born in the same herd. Forty six other cows have been sold to 12 other Danish herds. The complete herd on Bornholm plus the 46 sold animals will be slaughtered and burned. All animals above the age of 24 months will be tested for BSE.

All parts of the infected cow plus the animal slaughtered immediately before and the two following have been destroyed.

This is the ninth case of BSE in Denmark. Six cases were detected in 2001, one in 2000 and one in 1992 in an imported animal from Scotland. The feed is the immediate considered cause of the BSE. It has been disclosed that the latest 7 Danish cases had all been fed with the same milk substitute powder of German origin. The milk substitute contained animal fat. The Danish Veterinary and Food Administration is now researching this possibility together with the German authorities.